

- Parents are asked to read the following information, sign below and return the completed form to Dr. Bogard.

### German Language Films in the Classroom

Several times during the school year, the German classes will view some American feature-length films. These films give students exposure to the language and culture they are studying. **Hollywood productions in English** can help students learn more about the cultures of Germany, Austria or Switzerland. They also can offer an interesting look at history. Any film shown is chosen for its educational value, and most are award-winning cinematic works.

### Film Guide

Below is a brief description of some of the films to be shown this year to help you decide about permission for your son or daughter. The MPAA rating or an estimated rating for non-rated films is in ( ). **NOTE:** Not all of these films will be viewed each school year.

- **Amadeus (1984)** Oscar-winning film based on Mozart's short life (he died at 35) and career. "A stunning film full of great music, drama, and wit." In English. Mild violence. (PG)
- **Das Boot (The Boat) (1981)** This German anti-war masterpiece film by director Wolfgang Petersen (*In the Line of Fire*) recreates the tension and claustrophobia of 43 men on a German U-boat in 1941. In German with subtitles. Some strong language, violence. (R)
- **Schindler's List (1993)** The acclaimed film by Steven Spielberg based on the true story of the German Oskar Schindler and his rescue of Jews in Nazi Germany. Some violence, nudity. (R) - Oscar-winning film recommended by the National Education Association.
- **Fatherland (1994)** What if Nazi Germany had won the war? That's the premise of this film, based on the novel of the same name by Robert Harris. 1964 retro-futuristic Germany is ruled by a 75-year-old Hitler. (not rated)
- **Luther (2003)** Historical value; filmed in Germany. Finally students will know who the "original" Martin Luther is! Some violence, (PG-13).
- **Shining Through (1992)** A decent spy flick with Liam Neeson as a Nazi officer. It's fun to listen to Melanie Griffith as a German-speaking spy, although in real life her accent would have no doubt blown her cover. Some violence, (R)
- **The Sound of Music (1965)** No, "Edelweiss" is *not* the Austrian national anthem! It's not even Austrian. Five Oscars. Scenes of Austria and Salzburg. (PG)
- **Parent Trap (1998)** based on Erich Kastner's German novel, Das Doppelte Loettchen. (PG)
- **Nosferatu (1922)** First big screen adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula. Max Shreck's Orlock is one of the most familiar images in film history. Silent film with subtitles- shown around Halloween! (not rated)
- **Brother's Grimm (2005)** Will and Jake Grimm are traveling con-artists who encounter a genuine fairy-tale curse which requires genuine courage instead of their usual bogus tricks. (PG-13 for violence)

My son/ daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_ / may not \_\_\_\_  
view the above listed German films if shown during this school year.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Students not allowed to view these films will be given related assignments.
- Parents may arrange to review a particular film at school with special arrangements.
- Please return this completed form as soon as possible. NOTE: Students without a signed form on record will not be allowed to view these films.